



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

**Health Week**

**WHEREAS**, for the past 12 years the Health Initiative of the Americas and partnering organizations have convened Health Week, an unprecedented effort overseen by multi-agency taskforces, which conducted health promotion and education activities for the underserved Latino population in the United States with over 500,000 people benefitting from the health care activities; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2010 United States Census, this country is home to more than 50.5 million people of Latino origin; and

**WHEREAS**, Health Week reflects coordinated efforts between the United States, Mexico, Canada, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras and Colombia to improve the quality of life of underserved populations by expanding their access to health care, increasing their health insurance coverage and reducing their unmet health care; and


**WHEREAS**, the Health Initiative of the Americas and the consular network in the United States, Mexico, Canada, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Colombia are coordinating Health Week and activities throughout the United States will be centered in those regions with a high level of community health needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Health Week provides an opportunity to highlight critical health issues in the State of Rhode Island and throughout the United States and will serve as the basis for future multilateral efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Rhode Island is committed to recognizing and honoring those observances that are dedicated to the best ideals of public services and Health Week is one such worthy observance; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim the week of October 7-13, 2012 as Health Week in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this week.



  
A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State

Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations,  
this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012



Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor